

Wireless Action

Your health, safety, and privacy are at stake...

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FCC

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have received word that Verizon is planning to decommission analog landline telephone service in White Plain, NY, on or after the ninth of October this year. It is extremely essential that landline service is not decommissioned. Landline telephone service is a public utility provided for We the People of the United States of America. Removing a public service would wreak havoc on White Plain and take another toll on the already declining economy.

Most importantly, there is still no substitute for analog landline service, also known as Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS). Analog landlines will continue to work indefinitely in a power outage. They provide 911 with exact location information, and allow use of operator services, like collect calling. Analog landlines have by far the highest sound quality since they employ analog, rather than digital signals. Landlines do not experience call interference or dropped calls. While many today have chosen to embrace the wireless revolution – that is a personal mistake they have chosen to pursue. Others who are informed and want to make the best educated choice are choosing to continue using their landlines. Removal of the highest-quality, most reliable, most robust communications system in an area is not progress – it is moving backwards. It is essential that is a company is the provider of last resort in that area, they continue providing that essential service for its residents. Otherwise, people may have no choice but to leave White Plains and move somewhere else where profit is not put before the people.

With all due respect,

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